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LEADER GRANT. PLEASE CONSULT RCIA IMMEDIATELY TO RECONFIRM THEIR "SPONSORSHIP" OF GRANT AND NOTIFY US OF DEPARTMENT'S PREFERRED DATE OF ARRIVAL FOR CARRANZA.

2. FOR ARA. WITH REGARD TO GOVERNMENT PRESSURES ON OTHER UNION LEADERS TO RESIGN, THE RUMORS REPORTED REFTTEL B APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT EXAGGERATED. GLASS WORKER CHIEF MAXIMIANO CASTILLO EVIDENTLY DID NOT SUBMIT TO THE PRESSURES ON HIM AND RESIGN HIS POST--AT LEAST NOT YET. TEAMSTER CHIEF PEREZ LEFT THE COUNTRY MERELY TO ATTEND AN ITF CONFERENCE. TOBACCO WORKER LEADER DIGON IS ATTENDING A CLAT CONFERENCE IN CARACAS, ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL UNCLEAR WHETHER HE INTENDS TO RETURN. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT THE PRESS FLURRY REPORTED REFTTEL PREDICTING A CONCERTED GOVERNMENT EFFORT TO REMOVE THE ENTIRE CURRENT GENERATION OF TOP UNION LEADERS WAS LEADED TO THE PRESS BY GOVERNMENT AGENTS. THIS PRESUMABLY WAS INTENDED AS PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE ON THE UNION CHIEFS, BUT SO FAR AS WE KNOW ONLY A SELECT FEW WERE VISITED BY SECURITY OFFICERS AND RUMORS OF SUCH PRESSURES SEEM TO BE RECEDING.

3. PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER AFL-CIO INTENDS TO SEND VISITING DELEGATION AND ARRIVAL DATE OF ADVANCE MAN. AS PER REQUEST FROM AIFLD'S JESSE FRIEDMAN WE NOTIFIED POSTAL/COMMUNICATIONS WORKER LEADER BALDASSINI OF POSSIBLE VISIT AND INTENDED INCLUSION OF CWA COLLEAGUE. BALDASSINI SEEMS TO FAVOR AN ORIT MISSION FIRST, HOLDING AFL-CIO BIG GUNS IN RESERVE. ADVANCE MAN WILL NEED 1-2 WEEKS TO TAKE UP THIS AND OTHER COMPLICATED ISSUES BEFORE PLANNED ARRIVAL OF MAIN PARTY.

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